

# Gov't Found No Evidence for McCarthy's 'Spies'

The country learned yesterday that McCarthy's claim that he knows of a "list of atomic spies of 142 people" is a crude political fake. It turned out that the witchhunters of the Department of Justice had investigated every one of the names mentioned by Canada as a possible lead, and were unable to turn up a single item of evidence on which even one of their standard frame-ups could be based.

Observers noted that McCarthy's latest political forgery was carefully timed to back up the government's propaganda on the Rosenberg case which millions are questioning; to gloss over McCarthy's effort to back Syngman Rhee in the plot to prevent a truce in Korea; to widen the target of the spy hawks to take in leaders of the Democratic Party, including ex-President Truman; and to try to lay the ground for more Rosenberg-type frameups against progressives and Marxists.

Inquiries at the Justice Department yesterday showed that the "list" handed to Truman's aides by Mackenzie King, former prime minister of Canada, was based on the stoolpigeon yarns of one Igor Gouzenko, and on an alleged list found in the diary of one of the defendants in the Canada "spy case," who was later acquitted since there wasn't the slightest proof of any espionage.

Government officials tried hard to find "a spy" in these lists to help whip up hysteria, but failed for lack of evidence.

McCarthy's blast at Truman is also aimed at forcing the present

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## Rhee's Demonstrations Phony, Says Former U. S. Aide in Korea

PORTLAND, June 30 (FP).—City Commissioner Stanley Earl, former ECA labor adviser in Korea, charged here that the South Korean demonstrations against a truce are phony and do not express the feelings of a majority of South Koreans. "Those demonstra-

## Playing Rhee's Game

GENERAL MARK CLARK says he is now ready to sign a truce in Korea. Two years and thousands of casualties after it was first offered—to sign a truce in Korea.

But, he says he can't promise that Syngman Rhee won't start a new war all over again.

Nor can he promise that if Eisenhower's envoy, Robertson, fixes up a "mutual security" pact with the South Korean dictator, American boys won't be shipped off once more to shed their blood to keep this hated political puppet running his racket in Seoul.

What kind of truce would it be, as far as we Americans are concerned if the war-hungry Rhee could break it at will. If he could try to drag us into war again as he and his Washington friends did three years ago?

The answer is that it would be a very fragile truce, filled with danger to the American people.

IT IS SHEER common sense when the Chinese and North Korean radios point to this glaring weakness in Clark's proposition. Most of the world, including most Americans, will agree with them, too, that Clark is "insincere" when he claims that he cannot curb the war-provoking treacheries of the Rhee clique, which gets 100 percent of its arms and munitions and most of its finances from the United States.

THAT THE AMERICAN people need strong assurances that they won't be trapped into another war for the sake of the Rhee clique is seen by the fact that Rhee's war-crazy appetites have alarmed even his own closest associates and generals.

Being close to this frenzied war criminal, they seem to know quite well that he is capable of any crime to get the war started again in Korea and—as he and his McCarthyite backers hope—in China and all of Asia!

Rhee is reported to have arrested some of his own generals who dared to suggest that the war be ended!

Rhee has massacred thousands of Koreans who have dared to suggest peace, and peaceful unification of Korea, as offered three years ago by the North Korean government.

There are men in Washington who are refusing to curb this war-conspirator, who refuse to crack down on him and his schemes for another aggression like his 1950 aggression. They are playing with the lives of American boys and

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By BERNARD BURTON

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Rep. William M. Wheeler (D-Ga), Dixiecrat, today conceded he had no legal basis for his impeachment resolution against Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. But Wheeler made his admission after he captured headlines with his smears of Douglas for granting a stay of execution to the Rosenbergs, and after he had helped arouse hysteria to pressure the Supreme Court into vacating Douglas' stay.

Appearing before the House Judiciary subcommittee, Wheeler was treated with kid gloves, even though committee members kept pointing out gently that he had produced no case for impeachment and that Douglas had acted within his rights, as even the Supreme Court majority had conceded.

Wheeler sought a "treason" impeachment on the grounds that Douglas made speeches which the "propaganda artists" of the "Kremlin" utilized.

When Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa) pointed out that Wheeler's resolution had furnished "propaganda" against the American government's actions, Wheeler mumbled, "I can't account for what the Kremlin does."

Wheeler also charged as a "crime" Douglas' alleged "participation in partisan political enterprises."

To this Walter replied, "I am not that naive as to believe that political inclinations do not enter into the decisions of that august body (the Supreme Court)."

Conceding that a "strict interpretation of the definition of treason" would not apply to Douglas, Wheeler nevertheless asked for a "liberal interpretation" which would encompass Douglas' speeches against restrictions of Democratic liberties.

As an example, Wheeler quoted

from a speech by Douglas of December, 1951:

"These days I see America identified more and more with material things, less and less with spiritual standards. These days I see America drifting from the Christian faith, acting abroad as an arrogant, selfish, greedy nation—interested only in guns and dollars, not in people and their hopes and aspirations."

"That agrees with enemy propaganda," said Wheeler.

Rep. William M. McCulloch (R-O) commented he had heard "such statements on the floor of the House."

When Wheeler sought to charge that such statements were "psychological warfare" against the U.S., Walter asked, "Was it used in psychological warfare?"

The Dixiecrat said he didn't know, but added, "It might have been."

Subcommittee members sought to help Wheeler out of his bankrupt legal position, and chairman Louis E. Graham (R-Pa) asked if he knew of any violations by Douglas of "ethical canons." Wheeler said he didn't.

After floundering, Wheeler backed away from the impeachment issue and said he hoped "this hearing may serve to spotlight the need for a new definition of treason."

He said lamely, "I will probably not be the first witness who has failed to prove his case."

Walter agreed amiably that the committee's "files are full" of unproven cases.

Subcommittee members at the conclusion stated that Wheeler

## Opposition to GOP Deal Marks Liberals' Parley

By MICHAEL SINGER

Republican leaders failed yesterday to clinch a coalition mayoralty deal with Liberal Party spokesmen, after two and a half hours of fruitless deliberations at the Bar Association Building on 44th St. As the

Daily Worker went to press, the rank and file tide in the Liberal Party behind City Council President Rudolph Halley appeared likely to make him the party's candidate at a citywide delegates' conference held at the Hotel Statler last night. Along with Halley, Liberal Party spokesmen were set to submit the name of Rep. Jacob K. Javits and 12 other possibilities discussed by GOP and Liberal leaders yesterday.

The meeting apparently was hardly in the nature of a friendly gathering. David Dubinsky, garment union president and considered the Liberal's most potent figure, stormed out of the session 3:20 p.m. less than an hour after the 13 political representatives of the Liberals, Republicans and Citizens Non-Partisan Committee

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# Would Force Korea Vets To Join National Guard

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 30.—Adjutants general of the 48 states are considering a proposal calling for compulsory National Guard service for Korean war veterans, it was revealed here this week.

The adjutants general—administrative heads of the state guards—have been asked to express their views on the subject to the National Guard Association by July 11. A favorable reaction might lead the association to seek Congressional legislation.

"It is disturbing to note that very few of the hundreds of thousands of young men inducted or enlisted in active federal service for periods generally ranging from two to four years ago are enlisting to the Guard or other reserves," Maj. Gen. Eillard A. Walsh, Jr., as-

sociation president, said here. Walsh spoke to 158 Kentucky National Guard officers at a banquet closing their one-day annual meeting at the Brown Hotel.

The proposal, according to Walsh, is "to obtain legislation which will provide for the compulsory induction into the Army and Air National Guard of the desired number of those who have served two years in the active military service in connection with the Korean emergency and who thereafter owe to the government a six-year reserve-service obligation."

Under present law, the entire

six years may be served on an inactive basis. However, the obligation can be discharged in three years if veterans join an active reserve unit for the same length of time.

## CONTRARY OPINION

Walsh said the proposal conceivably could make the Guard "a house divided."

"Those who oppose the idea contend with equal vigor that it is the volunteer system which has made the National Guard strong and great, and a departure therefrom would be fatal," he said.

## Negro Family at Levittown Still Faces Eviction

The Committee to End Discrimination in Levittown announces that the William Cotters, a Negro family living in Levittown as guests of Harold Johnson, are in danger of being thrown off the premises by the landlord, Morris Management.

A few days ago Morris Management wrote to Johnson, the Cotters' host, telling him they would not renew his lease and ordering him to "vacate without delay."

Johnson in reply stated, "do you actually expect me to help you persecute this Negro family? That they are living in house . . . is the result of your past conduct. You accepted their deposit; you promised them a house. On this basis they told their landlord they would be moving. When you made other arrangements for the house . . . they were left with no place to live."

"Had we not convinced the Cotters to live in our place where would they have gone? . . . I believe in the God-given right of all people to live where they choose. From what I know of Levittown and my neighbors that share my views . . . any action you threaten me with is, in effect, action against the Cotters who have five young children, their infant but a few weeks old. . . . End your inhuman bigotry and sell the Cotters a house."

The committee has undertaken a mailing to over 2,000 leaders of religious and civic organizations in Levittown, Nassau and New York City areas.

Telephone calls and letters to Morris Management, South Village Green, Levittown, are requested demanding an end to their anti-Negro policies and the sale of a house to the Cotters.

Picket lines in front of Morris Management's sales office are scheduled to continue every Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m.

## Jeff School Begins Summer Registration

Registration has begun for summer courses at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 16th Street and Avenue of the Americas.

This year's summer program includes 31 five-week evening courses, six one-week morning courses and a six-week Institute of Marxist Studies (First Year).

Morning classes and the Marxist Institute (meeting Monday through Friday mornings) begin on July 6 and extend through Aug. 14. Evening classes begin the week of July 13 and extend through Aug. 13.

## Brewery Strike In Milwaukee In Eighth Week

MILWAUKEE, June 30.—The strike of 7,500 brewery workers here entered its eighth week following rejection of the employers' latest offer by the overwhelming majority of 8,274 to 348. The workers are members of the CIO's Brewery Workers Union.

The affected breweries are Schlitz, Pabst, Blatz, Cettelman, Miller and Independent.

The employers offered a raise of 15 cents an hour plus some minor fringe benefits. The workers holding to their main demand of the 35-hour week, are also demanding an increase of wages to bring weekly earnings to \$90.75 over the \$80 and \$82 weekly earned until the strike was called.

The workers voted by secret ballot and instructed the bargaining committee not to return with any reports until a shorter work-week is included.

The union took the ballot following Mayor Zeidler's intervention with a request to the employers to make an offer.

The union, Local 9, Brewery Workers Union, remains determined, especially because the companies affected by the walkout have higher standards in the their east and west coast plants, but refuse to apply them in this city which, by BLS surveys tops all major cities on the requirement for a minimum living standard budget.

## 29 in Minneapolis Demand Bail for Mrs. Davidoff

MINNEAPOLIS, June 30.—Twenty-nine residents here joined in sending a telegram to Attorney General Herbert Brownell protesting the denial of bail on deportation proceedings against Mrs. Goldie Davidoff, who with her two-year-old daughter has been imprisoned on Ellis Island for two months.

Signers are Alk Foley, John Conner, P. J. Gleason, H. C. Grandahl, Richard E. Bailey, Rose Foglia, Jack Norris, Alma Erickson, Ralph Taylor, Carl Lund, Julia Lief, Walter Lief, Harold Hester, Gunnar Shanks, Mrs. F. L. Hanson, Archie Anderson, Edith L. Ash, Mr. C. D. Ackerson, Hubert Quinones, Rudolph Johnson, Mrs. C. S. Breen, Ellen A. Davis, Rachel Foley, Judy King, Elmer J. Borman, Mrs. B. Anderson, Helen Warhol, Thomas Foley and Theodore Desnick.

## Wider Political Action Voted by CIO Phone Union

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (FP).—The CIO Communications Workers seventh annual convention pledged itself to "extension of political action by organized labor and to the battle for liberal and clean government." The delegates unanimously reelected president Joseph A. Beirne and other top officers and voted them salary increases. Beirne went from \$13,200 a year to \$17,000, secretary-treasurer C. L. Werka from \$10,800 to \$13,500 and vice presidents John L. Crull, John A. Moran and A. T. Jones from \$10,200 to \$12,500.

Beirne, who had been hospitalized by jaundice, flew here from Washington on the last day of the convention to give a brief talk. He warned that in attacks on freedom "it is usually the labor movement that is hit first," and said CWA progress is "not good enough."

"We have gained only 20,000 workers in the past year," he said, "and there are still 200,000 telephone workers outside our ranks." He called on the union to intensify its organizing activities. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, telephone workers rank 18th in the size of pay increases won since the end of World War II. Their average hourly pay is \$1.62, an increase of 56 percent since October, 1945.

Major address of the convention was given by vice-president John Livingston of the United Auto Workers, who warned that organized labor was in for trouble with the Eisenhower administration. "We are up against a big team with real power," he told the delegates, "and they are not our friends."

"The best insurance against a future depression," Livingston said, "is the strengthening of the free and democratic labor movement."

Resolutions approved called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and amendment of the McCarran-Walter Act "to liberalize our immigration policies and protect the civil liberties of our citizens, foreign residents and immigrants." The delegates planned an intensive drive to see to it that all CWA members and their families register and vote.

The union also declared itself in favor of AFL-CIO unity; condemned the Eisenhower giveaway program; advocated wage, price and rent controls; opposed a national sales tax or any cut in the security tax; demanded equal pay for equal work regardless of sex, and endorsed statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.



BEIRNE

## World Labor Parley Set for Vienna Oct. 10-21

VIENNA, June 30 (ALN).—The third congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions will meet here Oct. 10 to 21.

Addressed to workers and trade unions of all countries, the WFTU convention call said in part:

"We are united in the conviction that every man and woman has the right to work. We are united in the conviction that the living conditions of the workers in the capitalist and colonial countries are becoming worse and that it is necessary to fight to improve them."

"We are united in the conviction that social legislation, where it exists, should be improved, and that it should be introduced where it does not exist. We are united in the conviction that an end must be put to super-exploitation, and that discrimination based on race, color, sex or age should be banished. We are united in the conviction that public health services must be improved and that education must be extended. We are united in the conviction that no one has the right to forbid the legitimate activities of the trade unions or to rob mankind of elementary and sacred democratic rights and liberties."

"Finally, we are united in the conviction that peace can be preserved and that war is not inevitable."

## Frisco Bakers Win Wage Increases

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (FP).—A strike by the AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union against 165 retail bakeries here was averted when the union accepted a one-year contract for 800 workers giving a 12½-cent hourly raise, time-and-a-half for the fifth day in a holiday week, three weeks vacation after ten years and improvement in the health and welfare plan, all retroactive to May 1.

## Marine Firemen Merger Meeting Opposition

SEATTLE, June 30 (FP).—Ballooning among west coast firemen on a proposal to affiliate their independent union with the AFL Seafarers International Union is running into opposition from rank-and-file members.

A Committee of Book Members of the Marine Firemen Oilers Watertenders & Wipers is circulating pledge cards in this and other ports on which MPOW men are expressing their preference for continued independent status. The committee told Federated Press more than 100 firemen in this port have signed the cards.

The committee charged in a statement distributed on the waterfront that the current voting on SIU affiliation would not be accurately tabulated.

"For years (MPOW) officials have preached on the record and in our official paper that the AFL (SIU) is rotten—but now suddenly change their tune in an attempt to railroad us into the very AFL they have blasted so bitterly in the past," the committee said.

The committee opposes affiliation, charging that SIU president Lundberg "has attempted to raid every maritime union in existence—including MPOW itself." The committee contends that "many of us will lose the few job opportunities we have now" if affiliation carries, due to the fact that SIU members would greatly outnumber the firemen in the event of merger.

If 30 percent of MPOW members sign for independent status, affiliation will be blocked pending an NLRB election.

## Socialist Dies In Franco Jail

PARIS, June 30 (ALN).—The death in a Madrid prison of Tomas Centeno, a leader of the anti-Franco underground, has been confirmed here.

A leader of the Spanish Socialist Party, Centeno was among those seized in a police raid early in April.

It is now learned that his 12-year-old son inquired at police headquarters some days later and was told that Centeno had "committed suicide while under arrest."

No charge has so far been preferred against those arrested in Madrid and Barcelona at the same time as Centeno, but Madrid press reports state they are attached to the "Military Court for the Repression of Communism and Spying."

## CANADIAN AUTO WORKERS URGE BIG FOUR MEETING

BRANTFORD, Canada, June 30 (ALN).—An immediate meeting of the big powers, including "at least Britain, the U. S., France and the USSR," was unanimously called for by the executive council of District 28, United Auto Workers (CGL), representing 75,000 auto workers.

The resolution, submitted by Massey-Harris UAW Local 439 of Toronto, said that "agreement among the great powers is necessary to world peace and prosperous international trade; and the present uncertain international situation and trade uncertainty may play a part in the serious layoff situation at present plaguing the farm implement industry."

## Invite Eisenhower, Malenkov, Churchill to Meet in Minnesota

EVELETH, Minn., June 30.—The Junior Chamber of Commerce here has sent letters to President Eisenhower, Premier Winston Churchill and Premier Georgi Malenkov inviting them to meet in this area to settle world problems.

The letter to Eisenhower, released by G. W. Shaw, president of the local chamber, said, in part:

"The murmuring pines, the sky blue waters of our 10,000 lakes, the perfect harmony of man and nature in this grand country is so conducive to amiable discussion that the success of a Big Three conference here would be a foregone conclusion."



## McCarran Act Challenged by 3 Organizations

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Constitutionality of the McCarran Act was challenged today by lawyers for three organizations whose registration under that act was demanded by Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

Attorneys David Rein and Joseph Forer testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board on behalf of the National Council on American-Soviet Friendship, the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

Brownell's petition have these and other nine organizations register as "Communist-front" groups was challenged by the lawyers as "vague."

Forer noted that the board's decision on the Communist Party has been appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He said it would be "a gigantic abuse of discretion by the board to go ahead with these hearings before that case is disposed of."

## Newsguild Head Hits Congress Witchhunters

BOSTON, June 30 (FP).—Opening the 20th annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild, CIO here, president Harry Martin said a "wholesome and wrathful American indignation" was making itself felt against name-calling by probers into the press, libraries and churches.

Without mentioning Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) or other Congress probers, Martin said: "At a time when the world is looking to the U. S. for leadership as never before, we stand before it weakened by witchhunts, frightened by the professional fomenters of phobias that are foul and obscene in the extreme."

Martin told the 250 delegates that the U. S. is being "defeated by the bray of bigotry and divided by the maneuvers of a callous corps of name-calling nitwits who would rather smear labor and liberals at home than smash communism and fascism abroad."

Martin came here from Paris, where he is a labor adviser with the Mutual Security Administration. He faces a contest for reelection this year against vice president Joseph F. Collis of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Martin said guild membership (Continued on Page 6)

# Congress Witchhunters Coming Here to Help Break Hearn's Strike

By ELIHU S. HICKS

As the strike of 800 Hearn department store workers went into its seventh week, it was learned yesterday that both the Jenner Senate Internal Security subcommittee and the Velde House Un-American Activities Committee were preparing to help Hearn break the strike. It was announced that both committees were going to investigate alleged "Communist influence" in the strikers' union, District 65, DPOWA (CIO), and to question the union's NLRB certification.

A strikebreaking AFL union, imported by the Hearn management, has applied for an NLRB election. Decertification of District 65, would prevent the union from taking part in the election.

The "coincidence" of the impending investigations and the strike appeared more sinister than strange.

First of all, according to an article in yesterday's Journal-American, the inquisitorial committees plan to investigate precisely the charges of "Communist domination" and "unrepentant Communist influence" that the Hearn management has been making in expensive newspaper ads throughout the strike.

In several of the strike-breaking ads the Hearn company attempted to needle the CIO for re-admitting the union to its ranks, claiming that the District 65 leaders' outspoken anti-Communism is not "genuine."

The Journal-American says: "Both Congressional committees

apparently are unimpressed with declarations by the union heads of District 65 that for the past two years the labor organization has been 'anti-Communist'."

"The recent granting by the CIO of an 'interim' affiliation several years after the CIO had prepared (sic) to boot out District 65 on charges of communism also is a factor in the investigations."

### NOT FIRST TIME

The threatened Congress hatchet job is not the first that "65" has experienced, and therein lies the second sinister aspect of the "coincidence."

Last year, while the CIO was considering District 65's application for readmission, the McCarran Committee, forerunner of McCarthy's Permanent Investigating Committee, conducted an "investigation" of the union and issued a several hundred page attack on the organization which made the same charges of "failure to break away" from "Communist influence."

District 65 president, David Livingston, declared during the recent DPOWA convention held in New York that the McCarran attack was largely responsible for the CIO's long delay in granting re-affiliation.

Prior to the McCarran invasion, while the union was engaged in an organizing drive, the Kersten subcommittee of the un-Americans conducted a similar "investigation."

So far Albert M. Greenfield, Hearn owner and multi-million dollar banking, real estate, transportation and department store tycoon, has been unable to smash the strike through the company's red-baiting, scab-herding, and importing of a strike-breaking AFL union plus a running 20 percent discount "sale."

CIO president Walter Reuther has declared that the CIO will stand firmly behind the strikers. The local NAACP has condemned Hearn for its attempts to use Negro workers as strikebreakers.

## AFL, CIO Shoe Unions Seek Joint Action

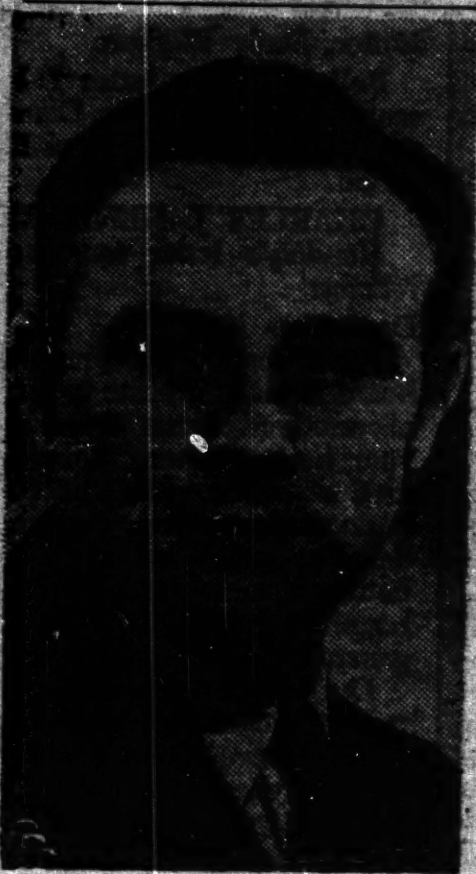
ST. LOUIS, June 30 (FP).—John J. Mara, president of the Boot and Shoe Workers Union, AFL, said his union and the CIO United Shoe Workers will seek to negotiate joint agreements with their employers and set a uniform standard for wage and working conditions.

Mara made the announcement after a meeting of his executive board here. He said both unions will cooperate in contract negotiations which will open in September with the International Shoe Co. and the Brown Shoe Co.

Among the demands, he said, will be a union shop and employer-financed health and welfare coverage.

## Gov't Employees of Japan Merge Unions

TOKYO, June 30 (ALN).—The Federation of Government Employees of Japan, with 1,700,000 members, and the Federated Council of Government Employees' Union voted to merge. The two bodies grew out of a 1947 split in the labor movement.



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## Lucknow University Declines U.S. Money

NEW DELHI, June 30 (ALN).—Lucknow University declined an offer of \$25,000 rupees from the United States Information Service on the ground that subsidy from such a source might endanger academic freedom.

USIS offered the money for a "Psychological Experimental Station."

## The Racist Background of Rep. Wheeler of Georgia

Rep. William McDonald Wheeler (D-Ga.) is a Georgia racist and witchhunter who was first elected to Congress in 1946 with 8,988 votes.

Wheeler's service to racism in Congress is represented by his bill calling for the repeal of Washington's Reconstruction civil rights laws, which repeal would permit public places in the nation's capital to reestablish jimcrow.

His witchhunting stint is his resolution aimed at impeaching Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas for having granted a stay of execution to the Rosenbergs.

Wheeler represents the Eighth Congressional District of Georgia, whose 19 or 20 counties in the extreme southwestern part of Georgia are in the Black Belt. Its largest city is Waycross, whose Negro population is better than 50 percent of the 28,000 persons who live there.

Another city in Wheeler's district is Brunswick on the coast, where nearly a dozen Negro convicts were slaughtered recently by brutal prison guards.

Wheeler's district is deep in Talmadge's "wool hat" territory, where the very phrase "civil rights" is considered subversive.

Needless to say, in Wheeler's district, where in most of the populated places Negroes are a majority, or nearly so, no Negro holds public office, and few can as yet exercise their right to cast a ballot.



VELDE

## Ministers of US, Britain, France To Meet Here

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the U. S., British and French foreign ministries will meet here around July 10.

## Speedup at Fisher Body

FLINT.—Speedup at Fisher Opa has become so furious that Local 581 president Walter Bird has been authorized to call a special membership meeting to consider a strike vote.

Members of Buick Local 999 will vote June 15-17 on whether to strike the Buick plant because of management insistence on more production with fewer men.

Piled up grievances at GM's big Fisher Body plant, reported by members of the Shop Committee to the executive board, include:

- Several instances of increased line speed without promised prior notification of the workers.
- Chiselling on relief time, particularly of probationary employees.

- Use of temporary employees to break down long-established standards on many jobs by informing them they must meet a higher standard, arbitrarily established.

- Discharge of temporary employees for little or no reason, while announcing readiness to hire new people.

The Shop Committee is to report back as to whether management has finally corrected these abuses. If not, strike action can be expected.

## Sports Equipment Zooms in China

SHANGHAI, June 30 (ALN).—The number of sporting goods factories and workshops in this city has risen from 50 to 180 since 1950.

In all of 1952 48,000 footballs, basketballs and volleyballs were sold, whereas monthly sales in 1953 have ranged from 18,000 to 22,000. Output of table tennis balls and paddles have quadrupled in two years, and manufacture of parallel bars, horizontal bars and vaulting horses has increased sharply.

## Brooklyn Tenants Get City to Act When They Organize

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

The organized tenants of 360 Lexington Ave., Brooklyn, have concrete evidence of how housing has become a hot political issue, with city officials desirous of avoiding any blame for the state 15 percent increase rent law. What they know is that a parade of

inspectors from city departments, building and housing, health and sanitation, water, gas and electric, plodded up and down the worn stairs of their building, one of Brooklyn's many "worst" tenements, after the Bedford-Stuyvesant Tenants Council submitted complaints. First result was 111 violations recorded against the landlord.

Since then, they've been getting action. The lot next door, deep in rubbish, broken glass, garbage and fallen timbers, has been cleared of the worst of the debris. The Department of Sanitation worked on it about two weeks, and inspectors told tenants a lien would be placed against the landlord to pay for the work.

### NOT AUTOMATIC

Not that this was automatic with the filing of complaints, nor was the cleaning out of the water-filled cellar. Mrs. Laura Hall, executive secretary of the Brooklyn Tenants and Consumers Council, took the record of the 111 violations to the office of the Commissioner of Sanitation and to Chief Magistrate John Murtagh. The magistrate told Mrs. Hall that if enough of such cases could be documented so fully, the landlords responsible would be prosecuted to the hilt.

Going with Mrs. Hall on a recent tour of inspection, a reporter was shown the new mailboxes in the hallway, installed the previous day. There had been none at all. The front door still was a makeshift affair of crude boards replacing broken parts, without locks.

"A building inspector was here yesterday," said Mrs. LeRoy Kilbreth, wife of the house chairman. "We're to get the front door repaired, locks on it, and bells. The exterminators have been in, and will make monthly inspections, so maybe we'll have no more

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## World of Labor

by George Morris



### The ICFTU Was Meant To Be 'American'

THE SO-CALLED International Confederation of Free Trade Unions is so much a creation of Americans that even the date of its annual congresses is established on July 4.

What is the goal of the 25-man CIO, AFL and United Mine Workers delegation at that congress. From the preliminary joint statement of the delegation it is clear that its main object is to keep intact the ICFTU's pro-war, anti-Soviet line. The statement was directed mainly at the current peace moves, to discount them and to keep the "pro-American" line of the ICFTU in an active state.

It remains to be seen, of course, if the delegations of Europe's unions and others, will demonstrate the same servility to the AFL and CIO leaders as in the past. Developments in the year since the last ICFTU congress should have gone a long way towards shaking the confidence of even some of the union leaders abroad in the American bosses of the ICFTU.

THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN elections have given the world undisputed evidence that no amount of dollars and "guidance" by AFL-CIO "roving ambassadors," can basically influence the peoples of Europe. The very parties and unions the ICFTU was supposed to crush when it was founded have rolled up record votes, showing they, not the political groups supported by the ICFTU, speak for the bulk of the working class.

The Japanese labor movement

rejecting the ICFTU, has grown to become a powerful pro-peace movement and has won impressive political gains on the basis of its anti-Wall Street program. Indonesia, where the ICFTU failed to establish a base, is today on the path of a united front government, including the left, and a fast-developing progressive-led labor movement.

THE LEADERS of the ICFTU will try to make the most of the recent East Berlin events to take attention away from their failures, especially the fact that their unions in most cases, tied to a policy of submission to Wall Street's line of armaments before the people's needs, have not been able to effectively stop the steady decline of living standards.

The truth is that by the time all the facts on the East Berlin events are known to the people all will know that this was an attempt by organized mobsters sent in from West Berlin to turn a movement over legitimate grievances of workers into a "putsch" against the East Berlin government. The people will see who really organizes spy and sabotage activities; who sends mobsters armed with gasoline-filled bottles to burn buildings and loot stores. The lessons of the East Berlin riots will greatly strengthen the workers of East Germany against the saboteurs of the West.

ONE OF THE MAIN objects of the screaming over the East Berlin events is to cover up, or

"balance," the rising resistance to American domination everywhere in the world. Of all the people, it was Victor Riesel, Hearst columnist, one of the most reactionary scribes in the country, who recently wept bitter tears because "we couldn't win a popularity contest in a race with a locust swarm in any country."

"No one really knows why," opines Riesel, "but one thing is certain. We're disliked. We're resented. Some psychiatrist will have to explain why."

He scans the globe and draws a very depressing picture. Some "200,000 civilian construction workers (on U.S. military work) abroad are being stoned and scorned, hounded and insulted, snubbed and told to go home—from Iceland to Japan."

In Iceland where a new bomber base is being built, writes Riesel, Americans are ignored by waitresses, and if they complain they get thrown out of restaurants.

"On the streets the men are treated as pariahs. Apparently this cold shoulder is not endemically Icelandic. The treatment is just as bitter in the British Isles," he goes on.

After some details on the discomforts for Americans in Britain, Riesel gives a similar picture in France and says American military base workers have "been physically assaulted even in Paris," and in India.

The decision to build a base in an area of Japan brought a revolt of farmers, writes Riesel "At least 2,000 Japanese," he says, "were demonstrating in Kanazawa, holding aloft crude straw-mat flags—traditional symbols of farmers' opposition."

It is sad that men who take jobs overseas to earn a living are on the receiving end of this popular resentment. But it is not resentment against the U. S. workers but against Wall Street's policy of world military domination. The question is whether this popular sentiment against Wall Street imperialism will also reflect itself among some of the ICFTU delegations in Stockholm.

## Letters from Readers

### Treachery to the School Children

Bronx,

Editor, Daily Worker:

Following is a letter I have sent to Andrew G. Clauson, president of the Board of Education.

CHARLES J. HENDLEY.

Hendley's letter to Clauson follows:

Dear Sir:

According to the press your board is making haste to get rid of another dozen or more of your best teachers. Your haste in this matter while the courts are considering your powers under Section 903 is typical of the pettiness and stupidity of the board's policies and activities generally.

During the regime of the present Board of Education the schools have actually deteriorated physically and educationally relative to the development and modernization of business and commercial enterprises in this great, rich city, while the parochial schools have been growing. In other words, the public schools have been profoundly neglected. But your board has shown no great concern over this neglect. On the contrary, you have boasted of your making progress in your pinch-penny adjustments to the budgets allotted to you.

You have shown an uncommon readiness to dance to the tunes set for you by the Dies-Bilbo-Rankin-Coudert-McCarran-McCarthy committees. Your present subservience to the McCarthyites and the Timones betrays your ineptitude for the administration of the schools in the best interest of all the children.

It is amazing that not one of you has had the intelligence, the integrity or the courage to utter one peep in protest against the colossal hoax of the Communist menace in the schools. You have let this bogey, conjured up by reactionary and unscrupulous politicians, determine your school policies and administration. Your intellectual feat is on a par with that of the Tennessee backwoodsmen who set out to save the world from the process of evolution.

I speak simply as an individual citizen and taxpayer, and as a teacher who had 25 years experience in your schools.

### A Textile Worker's Contribution

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to share with your readers the enclosed letter which was received by our committee from a textile worker in Springfield, Mass. EDWARD K. BARSKY, Chairman, National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims.

The letter to which Dr. Barsky refers follows:

National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims Fellow Americans:

The enclosed check is sent you in the name of John Williamson, victim of the same shameful war-drive and hysteria in our country which was responsible for the death of Julius

Negro trade union leader, Benjamin H. Fletcher, organizer of maritime workers in Philadelphia, leader of the Industrial Workers of the World, and sentenced, during World War I, under the notorious Espionage Act of that period, to 10 years' imprisonment.

In our next article we shall conclude our consideration of Negro history and political prisoners.

and Ethel Rosenberg.

If the U. S. rank and file knew the facts of the Rosenberg frameup, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg would not have been murdered. But this latest outrage of legal lynching should warn the millions of U. S. workers that their enemies are the same group who have been subverting U. S. democracy in the persecution of the Negro people, of the foreign born, of the Communist Party, and now of the Jewish people. But this persecution has been preparatory to the main attack, the smashing of U. S. labor.

I feel it appropriate, therefore, in the best interests of my country, to contribute this small sum in the name of John Williamson who is a representative of the U. S. labor movement, an official in the party of Negro and white—the CPUSA, and a lifetime fighter for the traditions of U. S. democracy. Thus, I hope to make this (and future work and contributions) a small but important memorial in memory of two brave fellow citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

I want you to know that Friday's execution of two innocent people proved, too tragically, to me that "normal times" have gone since Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg were arrested; that only partial effort would be insufficient for us Americans to preserve world peace and the democratic rights we had enjoyed to some degree in past years. I have been a textile machine operator the past year and a half, and my pay after taxes is small. The enclosed check I bought originally for a vacation gift for my son and myself. But the best gift for us would be a better America. And that is why I write you and send the enclosed contribution. For U. S. labor—and peace and democracy. C. K.

## Carpenters Here Set for Strike Today

The New York District Council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters announced its 7,000 members working for contractors who have not yet settled will go on strike today unless last-minute wage negotiations bring an agreement.

The union demands a raise of 35 cents an hour on the present base rate of \$3.15.

Twenty-eight other building trades unions agreed to continue negotiations with the Building Trades Employers Association beyond the midnight deadline. The employers expressed a fear, however, that picketing by the carpenters may tie up many building projects in the city.

Charles Hanson, president of the carpenters' district council, said employers of 25,000 other carpenters settled. A total of some 250,000 building workers are affected by negotiations. On a vote of the unions, 20 voted to stay at work, two, carpenters and dock-builders, to strike, and two abstained.

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# The Jail as a Special Weapon In Oppression of Negro People

By HERBERT APTHEKER

WITH THE elimination of chattel slavery, the special oppression of the Negro people has taken the form of segregation, discrimination, peonage, and second-class citizenship. The struggle against slavery was the decisive feature of American history in the generation prior to and during the Civil War; the struggle against the special oppression of the Negro people since the Civil War has been a decisive feature of modern American history.

In a previous article we saw that the fight to end slavery produced many political prisoners, refugees and martyrs, and that the struggles to release or save them—sometimes successful—formed a significant part of the Abolitionist movement. Similarly, since the Civil War, governmental persecution and prosecution have been directed with particular fierceness against the Negro people and their militant leadership.

This, too, has produced numerous political prisoners, refugees, and martyrs, and here also the battle against such official hounding has been a central feature of the entire modern Negro liberation movement.

ACTUALLY, in dealing with the Negro people, whose special oppression is part of the very nature of U.S. imperialism, one must understand that any and all contact between them and the police, court and prison au-

thorities of city, county, state, and federal governments has a particular political character no matter what the occasion of such contact may be.

The apparatus of government in this country, in all aspects and on all levels, is directed towards maintaining the specially oppressed condition of the Negro people. Moreover, a whole complex of local, state and federal law and administrative practices is openly racist, so that violations of such measures are as political in content as they are frequent in occurrence.

"Justice" in the United States is, and has been, so far as the Negro people are concerned, injustice. This is true even where the law as such is not openly racist and oppressive.

The cop and the court are bulwarks of white supremacy. From the Trenton Six in the North to Mrs. Rosalie Ingram in the South, to Lt. Leon A. Gilbert in the United States Army, outrageous frameup and savage vindictiveness the Negro's portion. Again, given the context of the Negro people's oppression, the atrocious prosecutions are essentially political in nature.

Moreover, migrations northward (or out of the country) by Negro people frequently have been clearly political in content and their participants were, in actuality, political exiles or refugees. Negro peons fleeing debt slavery despite restraining laws are political refugees. Negro men and women fleeing frame-

up prosecutions based on jim-crow laws and practices are political refugees. Negro families leaving the South by the thousands and the tens of thousands, as in the Great Exodus of 1879, after the crushing of Reconstruction, are, in fact, political exiles.

In addition, the freedom-striving effort of the Negro people has a two-fold quality in that one side of it sees this effort centered within the particular area of Negro life—as the slave revolts, for example—while the other side sees the effort forming part of the general democratic strivings of the American people.

Leaders in latter efforts were often imprisoned, or forced to flee, and amongst them, not infrequently, were Negro men and women. Thus, a leader of the debtor farmers of Massachusetts in Shays' Rebellion of 1786 was a Negro, Moses Sash, and he suffered arrest along with Daniel Shays himself.

In the battle for a free press in our country stands Ida B. Wells of Memphis (later married to Ferdinand Lee Barnett of Chicago) who edited a militantly democratic newspaper in her home city for several years after Reconstruction despite mob attacks. Finally, in 1892, her press destroyed and her life in dire danger, she fled North—a political exile—and continued her splendid career.

Among the myriad political prisoners of the working class organization struggles stands the



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## MORE McCARTHY BLACKMAIL

EVERY DAY brings us new proof of the cheap frame-up tactics being used against the American people by the phonies who want to blind our nation to the truth.

The executioners rushed Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to their deaths by summoning a Supreme Court to pull the switch. This was the court most of whose judges did not even read the trial record, or even look at the facts, old and new, in the case.

Now, many are turning to the astounding case of Morton Sobell, sentenced to 30 years in Alcatraz, as one of the defendants in the Rosenberg frame-up. As with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, there never existed a single iota of evidence connecting Sobell in any way with spying, atomic or otherwise.

So fragile was the "link" cooked up against Sobell by even the lying government stoolie, Greenglass, that the death-hungry judge did not dare to doom him to die. But they doomed him to a living death. Now, many ask whether the shipping of Sobell to the notorious Alcatraz dungeons is not a new effort by the Washington authorities to torture Sobell into making the sordid deals—"fingering" innocent people for the FBI—as they tried to do with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The same frame-up gang is behind the McCarthyite fake about "assassination lists" in which McCarthy is trying to frame the heroic labor leader, Steve Nelson, already framed into a 20 year jail term for "sedition."

ON TOP OF THIS crude forgery, McCarthy has just let loose one more headline hoax. This is, if anything, even more vicious in its possibilities for deceiving America than anything he has yet done. This is McCarthy's effort to persuade the American people that Canada gave the Truman government "a spy list of 142 names" which Truman then proceeded to suppress!

Thus the McCarthyite forgeries, which branded Gen. Marshall a "spy," framed Hiss as a "courier," called Justice Douglas a "traitor"—are now expanding to hint that Truman aided "spies."

But that is not all. With this announcement, McCarthy—with the shameful help of the press—hopes to convince the people that there is "an atomic spy list" for future Rosenberg cases! What a chance for this unscrupulous political gangster to "fill in the names" of his "list" at will! What a blackmail and terror weapon he would then wield against anyone—whether it be a Nelson, a newspaper editor, a Democratic Party leader, Communists trade unionists, etc!

That is what these frame-ups are intended to lead to—terrorization of every and all Americans, in all classes and political groupings, if they dare to challenge the "McCarthy line" for betraying America into war abroad and fascism at home.

THAT THE VICTIM-HUNGRY FBI was unable to find the slightest evidence whatever against any of the alleged "spies" means nothing to McCarthy, of course.

He is demanding that the FBI—which is only too willing—provide new Rosenbergs, with the rules of evidence and the niceties of Constitutional legality be damned!

It would be the height of self-delusion to think that McCarthy wants victims only from the Left. To him, anything outside McCarthyite fascism is "the Left."

IT IS TO BE HOPED that these new developments will help to awaken the country to the treachery against all Americans which is inherent in the McCarthyite frame-up of Communists, a frame-up launched by same Truman Democrats who now find themselves inevitably its new victims. Certainly, the labor movement, from top to bottom, cannot ignore what this frame-up system—based on stool-pigeons, perjurers and "spy" hoaxes—could mean to the very life of the American labor movement.

## PLAYING RHEE'S GAME

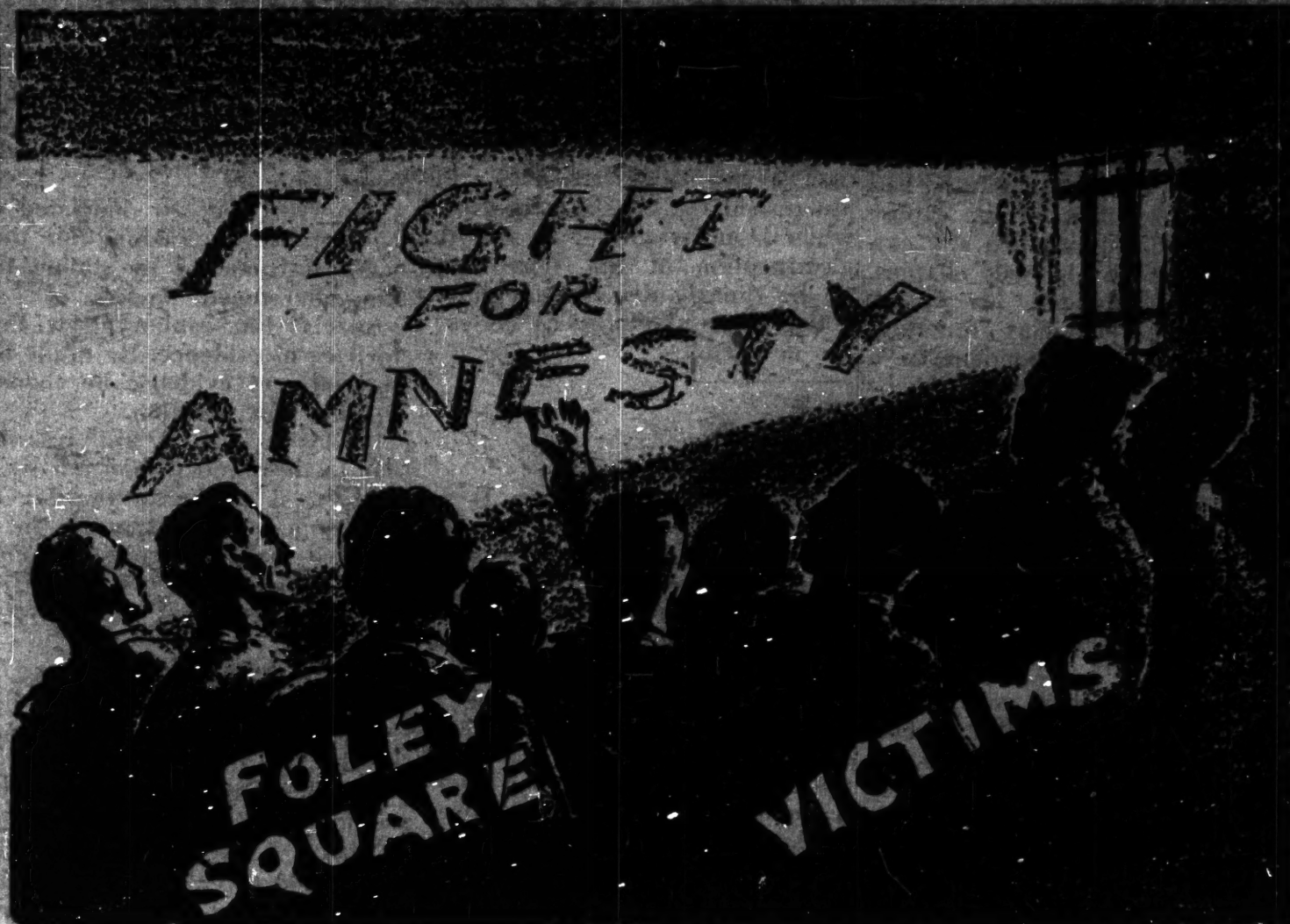
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with the safety of the country.

The McCarthyite traitors are encouraging Rhee to gamble with American blood! Rhee counts on their treacherous help to start a new war if he can't prevent a truce now!

It seems to us that every American parent should let Washington—President Eisenhower and all Congressmen—know that America does not want a single boy to die just because Gen. Clark refuses to guarantee China, Korea—and America—against any new Rhee war crimes!

Stop Rhee's threats and provocations! He should be brought up before the UN as an aggressor and war criminal! Guarantee the truce by withdrawing all support for Rhee's war plans! Unmask the war-hungry McCarthyites who plot with Rhee to kill more Americans!



## Moscow Shopping Boom

By RALPH PARKER

MOSCOW

THE BIG REDUCTION in prices, the sixth in succession, that came into effect last April has resulted in a new shopping boom in Moscow that shows no signs of ebbing.

During April, for example, retail sales rose as compared with a year ago by 34.5 percent for meat and poultry, 40 percent for sausage meat and 24.5 percent for fats. Woolen sales were up by one fifth, garments and knitwear by well over a third.

These striking increases in retail sales constitute an important stage on the way to the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan's target of a further improvement in living standards. The Soviet authorities are now energetically coping with this task.

Many new shops are being opened, most of them on the ground floors of new dwelling houses. Large numbers of sales clerks are being trained at special courses.

TO MEET the public's demand for better ranges of merchandise the Moscow City Council recently organized a special session devoted to consumer goods. Its participants heard from trade experts that people are demanding durable goods such as furniture, household labor saving appliances, radios, bicycles, etc.

As they assembled in the Trade Union House in central Moscow the deputies passed through an exhibition of samples of consumer goods manufactured by cooperative and local Moscow industry, in which dozens of thousands of people are employed.

Before the session, inspection teams on which deputies of the City Council served examined many shops and brought practical suggestions to the discussion.

These included the cut and fashion of women's clothes, children's shoes and toys, television stands, refrigerators, etc. It was a case of the "servants of the people" applying themselves to questions that affect the everyday life of all citizens.

BECAUSE there is no private enterprise screened from criticism by libel laws that hamper the public's freedom to expose abuses, the deputies were able to speak out fearlessly wherever they found shortcomings.

The city councillors' scrutiny covered about one fifth of all

consumer goods sold in Moscow. Their attitude was critical for, as Pravda pointed out in a leading article, industry producing consumer goods has now all the material possibilities to turn out high-grade merchandise for a public that has more money to spend on quality goods.

As a result of criticism, some lines of goods were withdrawn as being below the standards the Soviet public now demands. During June and July the Moscow City Council is reviewing all consumer goods manufactured by Moscow local and co-operative industry.

Thus Moscow, and all the Soviet Union with it, in coping

with a new phase in the welfare of the people. Their essential needs are now being adequately met. Now all the stress is on quality, variety, range. More beautiful clothes; more comfortable furniture; processed food to ease kitchen work; less time spent on shopping—this is the route along which Soviet trade is now developing.

The directives of the 19th Communist Party Congress call for not less than a 70 percent increase in the output of food and light industries during the current five-year planning period. At the same time a tremendous drive is now in progress to make the change not merely one of quantity but of quality.

## CONDITIONS HELD RIPE FOR CANADA LABOR UNITY

HAMILTON, Ont., June 30.—Changing world conditions have set the stage for unification of all Canadian unions and bringing their strength to bear in the fight for peace, security and jobs, Canadian Director Nels Thibault of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers told a Conference on Labor Unity here.

The conference was attended by 427 representatives of over 70,000 workers in five unions. Thibault, who delivered the keynote address, was flanked on the platform by C. S. Jackson of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Robert Haddow of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union; R. Kent Rowley, Canadian Textile Council, and Sam Lapides, of the Canadian Garment Workers Union.

The conference adopted a five-point program, appealing for labor unity and calling for big power talks on world peace, restoration of Canadian independence from U. S. dictation, guarantee of jobs, housing and health insurance, and support for projects like the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Accusing the Canadian government of accepting "bondage to a foreign power," Thibault said: "Ever since this dangerous policy of making our country dependent upon the U. S. manifested itself, our unions have spoken out against it. At one time we were pretty much alone. Indeed it was largely because of our fight on this question that Mine-Mill, UE and Fur were expelled from the Canadian Congress of Labor. Today we are by no means alone. Many have come to recognize the harm that

this 'dependence' policy is causing to our economy and other aspects of our national life."

Thibault said it was the task of the conference to demonstrate "the great potentials within our country and at our command for the development under conditions of peace of the greatest period of expansion and of increased welfare and security that the people of Canada have ever experienced."

The conference proceedings were opened by acting Mayor Leslie Parker. He was followed by Jackson, who noted this was "the first occasion on which the representatives of the five unions had met for common consultation."

The fur union leader received a standing ovation when he declared that despite the fact that Fred Dowling and Walter Reuther had moved for his expulsion from the CCL executive board, he was "prepared to stretch out a hand of friendship to them" because rank-and-file pressure had begun to force changes in their foreign policy views. "We should welcome that their unions are taking this view and go more than halfway to meet them," Haddow said.

Thibault declared there are too many trade union centers in Canada and said: "We will struggle on all levels for the unification of the trade union movement. We believe that the coming about of one all-inclusive trade union center in Canada is the only full answer for labor in meeting its needs."

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## Douglas

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had presented no case for impeachment.

Wheeler refused to repeat a vile speech against Douglas he had made on the floor of the House yesterday, or to produce any evidence backing up his wild charges.

He acknowledged his charge yesterday that Douglas "reportedly had been co-respondent in a divorce suit had turned out to be false." This was after newspapers this morning had checked that charge and had found it to be baseless.

Wheeler's speech in the House, when he was protected by Congressional immunity, was viciously anti-labor and carried strong anti-Semitic and anti-Negro overtones.

One of his charges was that Wheeler "has repeatedly associated himself with professional liberals," and that in December, 1952, he "was tendered the \$1,000 Sidney Hillman award for public service by the CIO."

In his speech he railed at the "complexion of the crowd that came to Washington" to seek clemency for the Rosenbergs. He referred to them as a "motley mob" of "human vermin."

The charge of "moral turpitude" which he was compelled to hedge on today was his claim that Douglas had been co-respondent in the Portland divorce case of Mercedes and C. Gerard Davidson, former assistant secretary of the Interior, in January, 1952.

Davidson, reached in Portland, declared, "that's completely untrue. My wife divorced me."

Also Mrs. Mary Wakefield, court reporter in that divorce proceeding, stated that Douglas' name had never been mentioned in the case.

### SHORT TIME

Wheeler's charge of "conspiracy" was based on his allegation that Douglas took a "significantly short time" to grant the stay of execution and to print his opinion.

Reporters glanced at each other with surprised looks at this charge, for they knew Douglas had spent 12 hours by himself deliberating on the stay.

Wheeler sought to impute that Douglas and defense lawyers had arranged some sort of deal, but he produced nothing to substantiate this charge.

He called on Congress not to "strain and filter the newly drawn legalistic niceties of the law to continue tolerance of deluded liberalism upon the judicial bench."

To buttress the charge of "treason" he also noted that Douglas had once proposed the recognition of People's China and that he had followed the path of "appease-

ment" in the Harry Bridges case. He failed to mention that a court majority had freed Bridges.

At one point Wheeler sought to place Douglas in the role of Pontius Pilate. He appeared to realize, however, that the analogy could backfire against his case, since Pilate rushed the crucifixion of Christ while Douglas sought to stay the electrocution of the Rosenbergs. So he quickly denied "any implication as to similarity as between the accused."

## Rhee

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ment's continued support of the Syngman Rhee government.

In his interview last Sunday, Earl said the truce deadlock could be broken by putting economic as well as moral pressure on the Rhee government.

Korea must be unified, Earl said, but this cannot be achieved by continuing the war. You can't unify a country that has been destroyed.

Conditions in South Korea are even worse now than they were in 1950, Earl declared. "You will note," he said, "that Rhee has arrested one of the most outspoken opponents of his policy of continuing the war at any cost—Chough Pyung Ok, formerly minister of home affairs."

Earl said he still believes the war could have been avoided if the dictatorial Rhee government had not been kept in power.

## Tenants

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rats.

She and others showed where walls inside apartments had been patched up, and one displayed a new toilet seat. New pipes have been put in the basement to replace leaking ones which in winter time formerly made out only the basement but the hallway appear like caves with stalactites and stalagmites of ice.

New garbage pails were outside. But the house still has no janitor. "We'll keep at it until we get all we're entitled to," the wives interviewed declared.

"It gives us a new lease on life after all the run-around we got for so long," said Mrs. Killibrew.

### INSIST ON RIGHTS

When she informed Mrs. Hall the landlord offered to buy paint if tenants would provide the labor for painting, Mrs. Hall told them to reject the offer. "You're entitled to have the painting done. You should call a meeting of the tenants and insist that no one take his offer," she said firmly.

Last spring the old landlord of the house was fined \$100 and promptly sold the property rather than make any repairs. It took some investigating to learn who the new landlord was, as his agent collected rents without revealing his name. It was discovered he was Abel Kaplan, 6 First St., Westbury, L. I.

With the 15 percent increase, tenants have been paying \$20.70 for four rooms. But in the 16 apartments, they've had to pay \$7 or \$8 a week for oil in winter months to heat them, and with most of their individual hot water heaters out of commission, heat water on stoves.

Aware that the State Temporary Rent and Housing Commission also is registering a new sensitivity to tenants in view of the torrent of resentment over the new law, Mrs. Hall said, the tenants plan to ask for a decrease in rent if the landlord does not provide services now. These include painting and such repairs as the city has not made.

## McCarthy

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U. S. Attorney General, Herbert Brownell, to get new "spy" victims—even where there is no evidence.

Brownell recently indicated his willingness to go along on these political frameups by stating that the government knows of "spy suspects" but cannot arrest them for lack of evidence. He urged that the rules of evidence be changed to meet this situation.

McCarthy's latest "list" was similar to the fraud dished out by an FBI hired stooge to the McCarthy committee last week in he claimed that the Communist Party had "administration lists" for U. S. Senators, and that Steve Nelson was implicated.

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Other developments in the fight to save America from the treachery of McCarthyism included:

- The National Education Association's 7,000 delegates heard Richard B. Keenan, chairman of an NEA-affiliated organization, state that "people in important positions" were portraying Communism as "mysterious" in order to "gain personal profit for themselves—financial, political, or other."
- The Rabbinical Council of New Jersey attacked "the McCarthy method of intimidation" and urged a probe of McCarthy's committee.

## Halley

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convened. He told reporters he was off to an "important meeting," and he looked angry.

It was believed Dubinsky bolted the session when it became clear that the Republicans, headed by Charles N. Tuttle, president of the National Republican Club, would not accept Halley as a joint candidate.

### BERLE SILENT

Adolph A. Berle, Liberal state chairman, reportedly anti-Halley and a leading pro-Javits conspirator with the Dewey forces, was taciturn and grim-visaged when reporters asked him later whether "it was possible that the Liberal meeting tonight might endorse Javits."

"No comment," he said brusquely.

But Tuttle made it emphatic that Halley would not be considered by Republicans. "He has said in the past that endorsement by the Republicans would be a liability," Tuttle said of Halley, "and we certainly have no intention of forcing our attentions on him."

William C. Chanler, chairman of the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee, a Dewey group which initiated the "coalition" talks, read a quickly improvised statement to the press that "it had become quite apparent" that "one name stood out as one most likely to be acceptable as the head of a coalition ticket, namely, Congressman Jacob K. Javits."

### TO OFFER JAVITS

Chanler added that he and Walter D. Binger and William H. Davis, former War Labor Board chairman, who represented the committee yesterday, would submit Javits' name to the CNPC and "invite the Liberal Party to join in nominating him as the coalition candidate."

Chanler said the Liberals had promised to present to their meeting tonight the names of Javits, the other proposals of the Republicans, and Halley who "is now consideration by the Liberal Party."

Republicans at the session also

recommended "a number of names" for "other positions on a citywide coalition ticket." None of these was identified.

The CNPC chairman said the meeting had adjourned "subject to call by the chairman."

Halley's designation for the mayoralty post by the Liberals, however, was seen as dooming whatever hopes Berle or any other Liberal leader might have to work out a deal with the GOP.

The Liberals were represented by Dubinsky, Berle, Alex Rose, vice-president, Joseph O'Leary, secretary, and Ben Davidson, executive director.

### 5 COUNTY LEADERS

Republicans were represented by five county leaders, headed by Tuttle, speaking for Manhattan. The group included Oscar A. Lewis, subbing for John Crews of Brooklyn; Victor D. Werner of Queens; Charles E. Griffiths, of Staten Island, and former State Supreme Court Justice Arthur B. Morrison of the Bronx.

Earlier in the day, at a breakfast conference in the Belmont Plaza Hotel, Abe Stark, Brooklyn civic and business leader, told reporters he would accept the support of "all public-minded citizens interested in good government" who "may wish to support me" as a member of the Board of Estimate in the 1953 campaign.

Stark spoke at a session sponsored by the "Friends of Abe Stark," a group representing women's organizations throughout the city.

The former Commerce Commissioner who quit the O'Dwyer regime and who gave Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore sleepless nights in the 1949 campaign as the Republican-Liberal Fusion opposition candidate, said he was "available" for a major nomination if offered to him by "a party or parties with whose principles of reform" he could agree.

Stark is reported certain to run again as the Brooklyn Borough Presidential candidate and may contest Cashmore in the Democratic primary for the party's nomination.

## Newsguild

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increased by 1,474 in the last year, the biggest gain in one year of the union's history. He said total membership was 26,348 and reported wage increases totaled \$5,500,000.

He said the ANG's collective bargaining goals in the coming year would be a minimum of \$150 a week for experienced editorial, advertising and circulation employees and a \$75 minimum for other classifications.

Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson said the guild would continue to expand "in spite of the present national political atmosphere." He described the Eisenhower administration as "wedded to big business."

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## Briggs Leaflet Asks New Wage Policy

DETROIT—Rank and file Briggs workers, in a leaflet issued for local union elections, came out for a new wage policy in the CIO auto union and no more five-year contracts. Briggs Local 212 is the home base of UAW International Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazey.

The leaflet says:

"The agreement between the International Union and the General Motors shows clearly why we need a new wage policy for our union. The peanut 'requests' of the UAW made inevitable the 'small change' of the settlement."

"The settlement provides an increase of 1 cent per hour in the annual improvement factor; a limitation of wage cuts under the cost of living clause to 5 cents; conversion to the new cost of living index and 10 cents per hour for skilled trades workers."

"From the corporation point of view, this was a darn cheap price to pay in the face of the needs of the auto workers, the ability of the corporations to pay with their super profits of recent years and the pattern of economic gains being made by workers in other industries."

The leaflet points out that little or nothing was achieved for the pensioners who have seen their inadequate pensions eaten up by price increases. Last year Briggs Mfg. Co. spent only \$94,000 in pension payments although the Briggs workers were told when the pension agreement was signed that 8 cents per hour for each worker would go into the pension fund. The leaflet of the rank and file workers points out that more than \$5,000,000 was taken out of the paychecks of Briggs workers for pension purposes.

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# Mark Twain, Tom Paine and Book Burning

By DAVID FLATT

"Mark Twain is 'Cleared' by U. S. in Memo to Library in the Hague," said the N. Y. Times last week.

The McCarthyites will yet catch up with this 'subversive' American writer who had this to say about the much abused word 'Loyalty' which the witchhunters toss around as they go about their business of character assassination and career-wrecking.

"Loyalty," said Mark Twain, "is a word which has worked vast harm; for it has been made to trick men into being 'loyal' to a thousand inequities, whereas the true loyalty should have been to themselves—in which case there would have ensued a rebellion, and the throw-off of that deceptive yoke. . . . The first thing I want to teach is disloyalty, till they get used to disowning that word Loyalty as representing a virtue. This will beget independence—which is loyalty to one's best self and principles and this is often disloyalty to the general idols and fetishes."

Mark Twain also wrote:

"You see my kind of loyalty is loyalty to one's country, not to its institutions or office holders. The country is the real thing, the permanent thing to watch over and care for. Its institutions are extraneous. They are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, cease to be comfortable and protect the body from winter, disease and death. To be loyal to rags? To worship rags? To die for rags? That is the loyalty of unreason."

And because this great American was deeply loyal to his country he felt it his duty to protest when Theodore Roosevelt wired congratulations to General Wood in Manila at the beginning of this century for having rounded up nearly a thousand Moro—men, women and children whose "liberties we have been trying for eight years to take away"—lined them up in a crater bowl near Jolo in the Philippines and massacred them.

Twain's anti-imperialist essays have not been 'cleared' by the State Dept. According to the Times, only those writings included in 'The Portable Mark Twain' put out by Viking have been approved. The 'Portable' omits all but the most innocuous parts of 'Following the Equator,' a powerful indictment of imperialist colonial policy, as well as most of his later pamphlets and articles which have been the greatest inspiration to fighters against imperialism.

Today, writers in the Mark Twain tradition are branded 'subversive' and their books removed

from libraries because they want the unjust war in Korea to end and because they refuse to be 'loyal' to the 'thousand inequities' brought about by the monied class.

Secretary of State Dulles said recently that "in libraries designed to give information favorable to the U. S., books that seek the destruction of its institutions had no place."

In line with this directive, 'The Selected Works of Tom Paine,' edited by Howard Fast, along with others, has been banned in State Dept. overseas libraries.

Lest Dulles and McCarthy jump to the conclusion that they are being original in burning the books of Tom Paine, let us hasten to remind them that 150 years ago when the Alien and Sedition Acts were being attacked by the Democratic party of Thomas Jefferson, it was suggested by some Federalists (advocates of monarchy) that there be a national book-burning of 'seditious' literature.

Two of the books singled out for this honor were Tom Paine's 'Common Sense' and 'The Age of Reason.'

Then, as now, these two works were put down as 'seditious' because they placed human rights above property rights.

Jefferson, by the way, was attacked by the Tories of his time as "the great democratic chief of America." They thought this was the worst possible thing they could say about him. He was described as "a man, whose attachment, objects, religion, philosophy, and morals are wholly French," a tool of France and leader of a conspiracy to bring about "the utter subversion of our own government, the introduction of French fraternity, and the slavery of the American people."

That same preposterous lie about conspiring to subvert the U. S. government, introduce Russian Socialism and bring slavery to our country is now being used to send American Communists today's outstanding defenders of the Jefferson tradition to prison under the Smith Act.

Thanks to the Jeffersonians, the Alien and Sedition Acts (forerunners of the Smith Act) were repealed and there was no national book-burning. The works of Tom Paine were not removed from government libraries. That is, not until now.

Oh, there have been other times in other countries when the people militantly fought off attempts to



burn the books of this great democratic thinker.

In England, in 1819, a man named Richard Carlile was charged with blasphemy for selling Paine's 'Age of Reason.' He was sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined 1500 pounds. He was kept in prison until the fine was paid. This cost him three more years in jail.

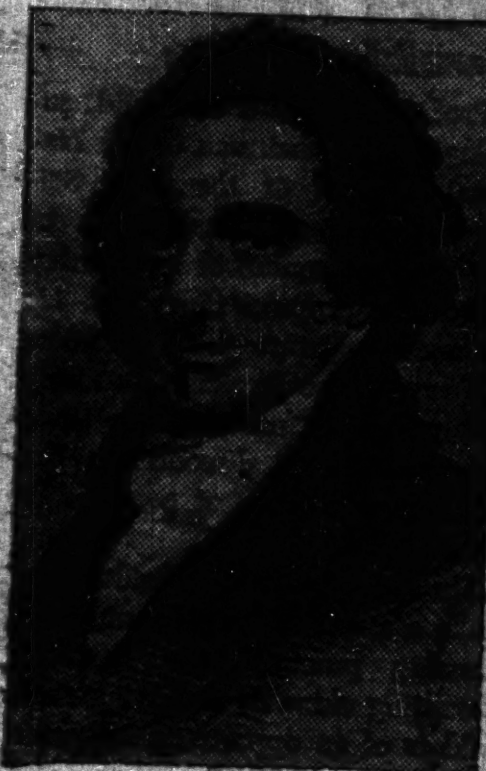
With this began what is known in history as the "great battle of Richard Carlile and his shopmen."

The British Marxist, T. A. Jackson describes this battle in his book 'Charles Dickens—The Progress of a Radical.'

"Carlile's wife took his place in the bookshop and got two years' imprisonment. His sister took her place and got two years, plus 500 pounds fine (which actually meant another year in jail). Thereafter the breach (in the bookshop) was filled by volunteers after volunteers, who quietly took their places, first behind the counter, then in the dock, and ultimately in jail. In the end, over 150 persons, all obscure working men and working women, served between them 250 years' imprisonment, and kept it up, until the government sickened and the prosecution of the 'Age of Reason' (and similar works such as Shelley's 'Queen Mab' and Palmer's 'Principle of Nature') came to an end.

"By the beginning of 1827 Carlile and his shopmen were all at liberty; and the sale of 'Age of Reason' and kindred publications, went on without interference."

Today, the fight for the freedom to read books of the widest diversity of opinion including those



TOM PAINE

which are unpopular with Dulles and McCarthy is being strongly waged in our own country.

Everyone should read the joint manifesto, supporting complete freedom in the circulation of books issued last week by the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council. Excerpts from this important document appeared yesterday in the feature section.

The manifesto, entitled 'The Freedom to Read,' said it was the responsibility of publishers and libraries to oppose McCarthyite efforts to limit literary expression and inquiry and to give "full meaning to this freedom by providing books that enrich the quality of thought and expression."

It seems to us that many of the books banned by the McCarthyites fill this bill.

Somehow the opportunity must be found to make available to millions of Americans books which "enrich the quality of thought and expression" such as Herbert Aptheker's 'A Documentary History of the Negro People in the U. S.' 'The Selected Writings of Tom Paine' edited by Howard Fast, and Morris Schappes' 'A Documentary History of the Jews in the U. S.'

Let the people judge whether these humanistic works are 'subversive' of the great democratic traditions of our country.

"The American Overseas Libraries do not belong to a Congressional Committee or to the State Dept.," said the American Library Association.

"They belong to the whole American people, who are entitled to have them express their finest ideas of responsible freedom."

Let the people answer the book-burners with the words of their great spokesman Tom Paine: "Mankind are now to be told they shall not think or they shall not read; and publications that go no further than to investigate principles of government to invite men to reason and reflect, and to show errors and the excellencies of different systems have a right to appear. If they do not excite attention, they are not worth the trouble of prosecution; and if they do, the prosecution will amount to nothing, since it cannot amount to a prohibition of reading."

"This," said Paine, "would be a sentence on the public instead of the author."

## LARGE U. S. YOUTH DELEGATION TO GO TO WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN ROMANIA

Increasing groups of youth are joining the United States delegation to the Fourth World Youth Festival to be held from August 2 to 16 in Bucharest, Rumania on the initiative of the largest international youth group, the 75 million member World Federation of Democratic Youth, according to early reports reaching the offices of the U.S. Festival Committee here in New York.

Young trade unionists (CIO, AFL, and Independent), students, Negro youth leaders, athletes, and young intellectuals are among those groups joining the delegation.

Works by outstanding young American artists, including several National Arts Award winners, have been entered in the "International Cultural Competitions" for the "Laureate of the World Youth" honors. Original songs, recorded dances, musical compositions, literary works, and a tape recording of a major new drama by the young Negro writer, Robespierre Ward, it is reported have also been entered in these "International Cultural Competitions."

Over 900 concert and dramatic presentations will be premiered at the Festival; representing the national cultures of every major nation on earth.

Having been formed "to encourage the participation of American young people in the Festival" the U.S. Festival Committee, while not affiliated to the international body, is actively promoting local "Youth Festival(s)" in many cities in the USA. It is calling for messages of international greetings, youth film festival, and the exchange of gifts with the youth of over 100 nations at the Festival.

Over at the offices of the U.S. Festival Committee, a spokesman said that the group was composed

of "representatives of youth organizations and youth and student leaders," such as Miss Doris Koppelman, former Jr. Haddasah Youth leader, and Mr. Douglas Glasgow, prominent Negro youth leader and Director of the American Youth Peace Crusade.

In its "Call" to youth groups, the U.S. Festival Committee, states:

"The theme of the festival 'Peace and World Youth Friendship' expresses the thoughts and hopes which are in the hearts of every young person. Any young person is invited. All may come whatever their race, creed, or belief. Participation does not imply the support of the World Federation."

**Sports Editor Lester Rodney is on vacation. His column "On the Scoreboard" will be resumed July 7.**

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You deepened my marriage bond,  
Lovers and equals we go forward to our future  
hand in hand,  
Remembering the path you trod together to the end.

Thank you, Ethel,  
You gave me back my voice.  
My early song—choked with frustration, trouble, triviality—  
Gushed forth anew to sing your love and praise.

I add my note  
To the symphony of song about Ethel Rosenberg.

—MIDI GORDON



# SMELTER UNION DEMANDS ACTION TO CUT DEATHS FROM ARSENIC

TACOMA, Wash., June 30.—A shocking report on occupational hazards at the big Tacoma Smelter is printed in the current issue of The Union, organ of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

The account is by a spokesman for a committee of Smeltermen's Local 25 set up two years ago to study occupational disease problems of the union's 1,000 members at the Tacoma operation.

John C. Collins, of the committee, lists arsenical cancer and chronic arsenical poisoning as two of the main causes of widespread and often fatal disease.

Refining of large quantities of arsenic at the plant issue to deaths from lung cancer and cancer of the throat, intestines, stomach and liver, as well as skin cancers "so frequent and widespread it was impossible for us to determine the

incidence and make comparisons with general population figures," Collins reported.

The committee found "that deaths from lung cancer were nearly 100 times higher for men working in the smelter for the previous year than for the general population."

Collins said the area around the smelter's arsenic refining plant is the most hazardous, but that "men throughout the whole operation are exposed to sufficient quantities of arsenic to produce cancer."

## CHRONIC POISONING

Incidence of chronic arsenical poisoning is probably down because the local union has forced the company to provide exhaust systems, and overalls, underwear and socks which are laundered daily, Collins said.

However, he pointed out, "there are still many men working here who show symptoms of the disease and many others who have died because of failure of one of the vital organs, without the cause being determined."

Chronic arsenic poisoning "affects the nervous system producing headache, dizziness, etc., and the respiratory system with perforated septum, laryngitis, bronchitis, and hoarseness."

"In the more advanced stages, a motor paralysis develops, with death resulting from failure of the kidneys, liver or heart. Chronic arsenicism is a disease which is often not recognized but is diagnosed as some other disease," Collins reported.

He charged that local physicians, often influenced by corporation pressure, may "take the

path of least resistance and diagnose the disease as something else."

"There are many other toxic chemicals in the dust and gases around the smelters," he declared, "which the big corporations make no effort to control."

He cited blood diseases such as Erythrocytoses, which follows reduced oxygen tension; exposure to hydrogen sulphide and hydrogen cyanide; and contact with arsenic, lead and antimony, as "very common."

Mine, Mill has advanced a contract demand for establishment of an occupational disease fund.

Collins urged "a complete study and report of the occupational hazards in the industry... followed by an exposure of the criminal negligence of the operators in controlling dust and fumes."

# Newsweek Head Sees Prestige of U.S. Waning

Malcolm Muir, president and chairman of the editorial board of Newsweek Magazine, who returned on the liner Queen Elizabeth from a two months' visit in Europe, said in an interview yesterday that "American prestige in Europe is at an all time low since the war ended." He said there is a waning enthusiasm for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Muir said he believed Europeans are less fearful than Americans that Russia will start a war, and that this was confirmed by a number of European leaders with whom he talked.

# Soviet Doctor Cleared of Plot Gets High Post

MOSCOW, June 30.—Prof. M. S. Vovskiy, one of the 15 Soviet physicians cleared of false accusations of conspiracy, has been appointed to a new Health Ministry Medical Advisory Council, it was reported today.

The Medical Worker, a publication of the Ministry, said the new council was named after Soviet Health Minister A. F. Tretyakov, blasted the old advisory board for unsatisfactory work.

Vovskiy addressed a plenary session of the new council.

# Ryukyu Citizens Hit U.S. Occupation

TOKYO, June 30 (ALN).—The Ryukyu Party and Socialist Popular Party have formed a joint committee to lead the anti-U. S. occupation movement in the Ryukyu Islands, according to a report from Okinawa, U. S. bomber base.

The committee charged the U. S. authorities with imposing colonial rule.

It cited the refusal of the American military to permit an elected member of the Ryukyu legislature, Tomoyuki Tengan, to take his seat.



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# Eisenhower Urged to Bar Bookburning

Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, sociologist and chairman of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, wrote to President Eisenhower yesterday expressing appreciation for his statement against book burners and urging the President to apply that principle "ordering the State Department to discontinue the McCarthyite purge of overseas libraries."

He also urged the President "to make a statement condemning the growing practice of suppressing dissenting views by depriving their holders of an opportunity to make a livelihood in their professions."

# Anti-Labor Writer on Leave

WASHINGTON, June 30 (FP).—Edna Bess Stephenson, former Texas newspaperwoman, was on forced leave recently from her job as head of the foreign journalists liaison unit of the State Department pending disposal of charges against her for distributing to selected foreign journalists an anti-labor smear sheet purporting to be an analysis of the Taft-Hartley law.

Jacob Potofsky of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing workers had protested the sheet.

# POW Hero Gets 'Undesirable Discharge'

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—Cpl. Paul F. Schnur, who received the Bronze Star for valor, after his release from a North Korean prison camp, disclosed that he has been given an "undesirable discharge." Sixth Army authorities said Schnur was discharged under Army regulation 615-370 B.

The military plane carrying Schnur, 24-year-old son of a former San Francisco CIO leader, crossed the Pacific secretly and arrived at Travis Air Force Base May 1 to discharge Schnur and two other men. It then continued to Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania.

The discharge given Schnur is not a dishonorable discharge, Army authorities said, and does not deprive a man of any rights as a U. S. citizen or of any veterans' benefits.

The youth's father, Paul F. Schnur, is a retired secretary-treasurer of the CIO Labor Council here.

"I can't understand it all, and I can't understand what I did to get such a discharge," Schnur said.

"All I can remember is making two records while I was a prisoner, one telling my family I was okay after my capture. . . . That was around Christmas, 1950. . . . And the other record was on the same order, made in April of 1951."

# Lewis Warns of Blast Peril in Gas Storage

WASHINGTON, June 30 (FP).—President John L. Lewis of United Mine Workers warned residents of Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania that attempts of "rapacious natural gas interests" to store huge quantities of the gas under Pittsburgh and near coal mining centers constitute a danger greater than the H-bomb.

Lewis urged support of HR 1240 in the Pennsylvania assembly, which would regulate natural gas storage.

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